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NATIONAL HIGHWAY BETWEEN PATNA AND ARRAH

1388. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the section of the National Highway between Patna and Arrah is in a very bade condition; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Union Government for the repair and development of this road ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) As intimated by the State Government the section of National Highway No. 30 between Patna and Arrah is generally in a satisfactory condition except km. 117—119 (Arrah Bazar) and km. 162—166 in short streches. These kms. are being kept in a traffic-worthy condition within the available maintenance and repair grants.

During the last 3 years (1988-89 to 1990-91) development works costing Rs. 59 lakhs and flood damage/special repair works costing Rs. 52 lakhs, have been approved for this section of the National Highway apart from normal maintenance activities.

Moreover, improvement of 31 kms. of the National Highway in this portion including kms. 117--119 and kms. 162—166 is included in the Annual Plan 1991-92 for sanction at an estimated cost of Rs. 375 lakhs.

IMPORT OF POLLUTION MEASURING INSTRUMENTS

1389. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have fixed strict standards for controlling the pollution caused by the vehicles;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to import sophisticated pollution measuring instruments to check the vehicles; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which these instruments will be imported and the amount likely to be spent thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The responsibility for implementing the provision relating to pollution control rests with the State Governments/Union Territories. The infrastructure is being gradually built up by the State Governments/Union Territories. Necessary equipments have to be purchased from indigenous sources and whenever necessary supplemented by imports.

[*English*]

EXPORT OF KOTA STONE AND MARBLE

1390. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Kota stone and marble are exported from Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the names of the importing countries;

(c) the incentives being given to the exporters; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to boost the export of Kota stone and marble ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) While separate export statistics in respect of Kota Stones are not available, exports of marble slabs and tiles during 1989-90 and 1990-91 are estimated as under :

(Value in Rs. lakhs)

1989-90	1990-91
62	168

The major importing countries are Italy, UAE, UK and USA.